



MD 2/4 (SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD) CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PHASE II



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MD 2/4 PHASE II DESIGN WORK UNDERWAY; INFORMATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is developing plans to improve travel conditions along Solomons Island Road between Fox Run Boulevard and Commerce Lane in Prince Frederick. The project will improve traffic operations and enhance the safety and mobility of vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians by adding a third through lane, continuous auxiliary lanes, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks along the corridor.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to inform SHA of their project-related concerns. Maps and exhibits depicting current designs and plans for improvements will be on display, and SHA representatives will be available to answer questions concerning the planned design work. **No formal presentation will be given.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through at your own pace. *(See back page for meeting details.)*

Project Overview & Purpose

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and safety along the MD 2/4 corridor in Prince Frederick by providing adequate roadway capacity to accommodate existing and projected traffic demand. Roadway improvements include:

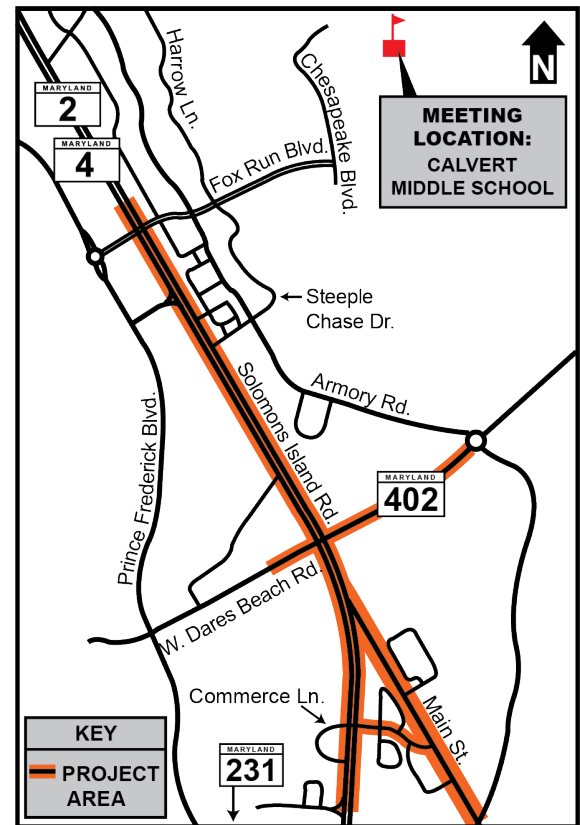
- Widening MD 2/4 with a raised median to provide three through lanes, a bicycle lane, and a continuous auxiliary lane in each direction
- Widening MD 402 (West Dares Beach Road) to provide a second receiving lane for left turns from southbound MD 2/4
- Constructing new sidewalks to provide pedestrian mobility and ensure ADA compliance
- Adding a newly designed drainage system for the widened roadway on MD 2/4
- Removing the U-turn movement at Steeple Chase Drive (northbound to southbound MD 2/4)
- Eliminating the skewed intersection of MD 2/4 with MD 765A just north of Commerce Lane
- Reconfiguring Commerce Lane to a full-movement intersection
- Providing access control on southbound MD 2/4 south of the MD 402 intersection
- Providing aesthetic improvements that create a boulevard-like roadway and enhance community character
- Restoring Mill Creek (under study)

Project Background

In the 1990s, SHA worked with Calvert County representatives and community stakeholders to complete a planning study for improvements to approximately three miles of MD 2/4 in Prince Frederick. Phase 1, which made improvements to a portion of MD 2/4 from north of MD 231 (Hallowing Point Road / Church Street) to Old Field Lane and to part of MD 231 was completed in 2010. Phase II will continue roadway improvements northward from north of MD 231 to Fox Run Boulevard.

Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Saldanha by March 4, 2015.



Next Steps

The MD 2/4 Corridor Improvement Project is funded for Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition. Project design is 30 percent complete and is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2016. The project will move to Construction when funds become available.

For More Information

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For more information about this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Calvert County, MD 2/4, Solomons Island Road (Phase 2)** or use the QR code below.



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Attend the Public Meeting!
(See Inside for More Details)

WHEN:	WHERE:
Wednesday, March 11, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM <i>There will be no presentation.</i>	Calvert Middle School (Cafeteria) 655 Chesapeake Boulevard Prince Frederick, MD 20678
*Snow Date – Tuesday, March 17, 2015 <i>Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.</i>	

Representatives from a related SHA project, MD 231 at MD 765A, which abuts the MD 2/4 project limit, will also be present at the meeting to explain upcoming construction activity (including a detour) and answer project-related questions.

MD 231 at MD 765A is a Community Safety and Enhancement Project located in the heart of Prince Frederick. Improvements are planned on MD 231 from Heritage Boulevard to MD 765A, and on MD 765A from Old Field Lane to Armory Road. Safety improvements at the intersection of MD 231 and MD 765A are a major part of this project. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2015.



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